

information to be distributed is transmitted; and/or transmitting a plurality of kinds of information as an entity in the information to be distributed, and using different error detection or correction ability in correspondence with the kind of information. The information processing apparatus/method may also involve inputting information data, and a check code for correcting an error of the information data, detecting the error state of the information data, setting an allowable error state of the information data, and controlling processing for the input information data in accordance with results in the setting step and the detection step.

### **REMARKS**

#### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-48 are currently pending in this application.

#### **II. Objection to the Abstract**

The Examiner has objected to the abstract because the abstract should be a single paragraph. Applicants have amended the abstract, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. A copy of the changes to the Abstract are provided in the ATTACHMENT below. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

#### **III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103**

Claims 1, 7-8, 12, 18-20, 42, and 47-48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated over U.S. Patent No. 35,104 to Murakami et al. Claims 2-3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 15-16, 21-24, 27-28, 30, 35-39, 41, and 43-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 35,104 to Murakami